4) वसूली क्षेत्रों से उपभोक्ता क्षेत्रों के लिए अनाज का समन्वित संचलन;और

5) गेंहू और चावल की खुली बिक्री।

Cases of Malpractices in Distribution of Kerosene

867. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases detected of malpractices in distribution of kerosene during the last three years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that kerosene released at subsidized rate is used for unauthorised blending with high speed diesel for automobile consumption?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The operational responsibility for actual distribution of kerosene through the Fair Price Shops/

Kerosene Oil Depots under the Public Distribution System (PDS) is that of the State Governments and UT Administrations, who have been delegated powers under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to check malpractices is distribution and to take action against persons indulging in such malpractices.

(b) Some cases of this nature have been reported by the State Governments/ UT Administrations.

Computer Education under M.P.s' Local Area Development Scheme

868. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:
SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA:
SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the emergence of MPs Local Area Development Scheme Government has earmarked huge sum of money for Computer Education in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of amount earmarked for this scheme;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several Ministries connected with the said programme have short-listed some companies for supplies of computer hardware/software; and

(d) if so, what are the names of such companies and whether tenders were floated to identify these companies and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) and (d) Para(4) of the guidelines issued by the Department of Electronics on implementation of electronics projects, computer configuration etc. and project costs mentioned therein is only suggestive and not mandatory in nature. Further, lists of indigenous manufacturers of computer systems and other equipments given for each project under the MPLADS are illustrative and for the guidance of MPs and others concerned. However, District Collectors etc. may arrange to procure the computer configurating software etc. at reasonable prices from other manufacturers depending upon market competitiveness. The prices may also vary in case different configuration is selected depending upon local conditions. In view of this, the Question of short-listing some companies and inviting tenders to identify these companies does not arise.